

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday , January 30, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Jon E. Stanard
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst discussed the Utah System of Technical Colleges (USTC) Performance Measures.

2 . USTC Performance Measures

Utah System of Technical Colleges

[4a-Utah System of Technical College Budget Overview](#)

Dr. David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, USTC, discussed the FY 2019 Budget Request with the assistance of Mr. Zachary Barrus, Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Data and Research.

Rep. Owens asked about future enrollment projections. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered this question.

Sen. Dabakis asked about intergenerational poverty and diversity at the USTC. Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed some of the ways they are working with these groups.

Sen. Dabakis also asked about more tuition assistance for these population groups. Comm. Woolstenhulme responded.

Chair Grover asked for more information about the proposed scholarship program. Comm. Woolstenhulme explained this new program.

Sen. Vickers explained the budget request for these scholarships. Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed how this fits in with the "Year of Technical Education."

Rep. Miles asked about mental health provisions at USTC. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered this question.

Sen. Ipson discussed the importance of creating careers rather than just jobs. Comm. Woolstenhulme agreed and mentioned the students of the year program.

Chair Grover welcomed the USTC Students of the Year who were in attendance.

Rep. Kwan asked about employer-driven programs. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered this question.

Mountainland Technical College (MTECH)

[4b-Mountainland Technical College Presentation](#)

Mr. Clay Christensen, President, MTECH gave an overview of the budget request with the assistance of Mr. Kirt Michaelis, Vice President of Finance.

Sen. Dabakis asked about duplication between MTECH and Utah Valley University. Pres. Christensen responded.

Sen. Stephenson asked for clarification regarding the new budget requests and if they will fulfill the needs of employers. Pres. Christensen responded.

Sen. Stephenson encouraged committee members to give this budget request a high priority.

Sen. Vickers asked what could be done to change the public perception of the importance of USTC. Pres. Christensen discussed some strategies they have used to outreach to the community.

Rep. Owens discussed the positive impact of the outreach to rural schools. Pres. Christensen commented on this.

Bridgerland Technical College (BTECH)

[4c-Bridgerland Technical College Presentation](#)

Mr. Chad Campbell, President, gave a presentation about BTECH with the assistance of Ms. Wendy Carter, VP of Instruction.

Pres. Campbell discussed the FY 2019 Budget Request.

Sen. Stephenson asked if this request would meet workforce needs. Pres. Campbell responded.

Rep. Wheatley asked if students have difficulty getting into the programs. Pres. Campbell responded.

Rep. Potter discussed the Robotics Academy.

Davis Technical College

Mr. Michael Bouwhuis, President, gave an overview of Davis Tech. He also discussed the FY 2019 Budget Request.

Pres. Bowhuis discussed the success of Phillip Harmston, a student from Davis Tech.

Sen. Stephenson mentioned the DATC's monitor stands (now named Davis Technical College).

Sen. Dabakis discussed the importance of outreach. Pres. Bowhuis responded.

Tooele Technical College

Mr. Paul Hacking, President gave a presentation about Tooele Tech with the assistance of Kent Thygerson, Vice President of Finance & Operations.

Pres. Hacking presented several video clips as he discussed the FY 2019 Budget Request.

Rep. Owens assumed the chair.

Chair Owens asked for clarification about the faculty who go out to industries in the community.

Uintah Basin Technical College

[4f-Uintah-Basin Technical College Presentation](#)

Mr. Aaron Weight, President, gave a presentation about UB Tech with the assistance of the Mr. Dean Wilson, Vice President of Student Services.

Pres. Weight discussed the UB Tech FY 2019 Budget Request.

Rep. Potter asked if more needs to be done to encourage stackable credentials with the universities. Pres. Weight responded.

Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed the success of these collaborations and the commitment for increased cooperation.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-13

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. J. Stanard
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.